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FRESH PRODUCTS STANDARDIZATION AND INSPECTION DIVISION

NOTES

Forrest Rhodes who has been located in our Los Angeles office resigned effective November 15. Theodore Frederickson and Fred Grieger of our San Francisco office also have resigned.

Robert B. Preston reported to the Los Angeles office October 1, 1945.

E. E. Conklin, Chief

VEGETABLE MARKETING DIVISION

PURCHASE ACTIVITIES

A number of purchases of topped beets have been made recently. Purchases to date include 28 cars and 4 truckloads in Illinois and 4 cars in Wisconsin. Recent purchases of cabbage have been light, totaling 211 cars to date in Wisconsin. Increase in the authorization for purchases from 300,000 to 400,000 50-pound sacks and extension of the purchase period to December 15 is under consideration. Purchase of carrots has been authorized in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin but only one car has been purchased (in Illinois) as yet. Purchases of sweet potatoes were discontinued when market improved. Purchases to date total 46 cars, all in Virginia.

PRICE CEILING ACTIVITIES

Canned Snap Beans - There was received from OPA for consideration a proposed amendment to Supplement 13, FPR 1 on Canned snap beans. This amendment would correct an error amounting to 2 cents per dozen No. 2 cans in the ceiling price of 5 sieve and larger and of ungraded canned pole beans in OPA Area No. 11 including the states of California, Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho.

ORDER M-81 (Tin Order) LIBERALIZED -

The amended Order dated November 16 makes unlimited supplies of tin available for packing all vegetables.

ADVISORY COMMITTEES MEET

A joint meeting of the canned fruit and canned vegetable industry advisory committees was held in Washington on November 21 to present views of the industry on post war problems affecting the canned foods industry.

DR. STUCKEY APPOINTED TO DIVISION

Dr. Ben. N. Stuckey who has been in charge of the Chicago office of the Processed Foods Inspection Service has been appointed to a position in the Vegetable Division, reporting for duty in Washington on November 21.

L. S. Fenn, Chief

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

WEEK-END F.O.B.WIRES

Several requests have come in as to whether fobs published on Monday's reports cover Friday or Saturday trading. Unless otherwise stated it will be understood that these reports cover Fridays trading and that no fob was reported for Saturday. Any reports which cover Saturday trading in addition to Friday should be clearly indicated. The same holds for reports following a Holiday.

MARKET NEWS DIVISION

TEMPORARY FIELD STATIONS

Location	In Charge	Commodity	Probable Opening & Closing Date
Belle Glade, Fla. LW West Lake Road	D. R. Hall	Vegetables	Nov.1-Dec. 28
Grand Forks, N. D. 207 P. O. Bldg.	B. I. Burrell	Potatoes	Sept.17-Mar.29
Grand Rapids, Mich. LW 412 P. O. Bldg.	C. B. Miller	Vegetables	Oct.29-Apr.12
Idaho Falls, Idaho LW 206 P. O. Bldg.	Leroy W. Gay	Potatoes	Oct.1-Mar.29
Lakeland, Fla. LW Citrus Center Bldg.	H. F. Willson	Citrus	Oct.7-May 17
Phoenix, Arizona 602 Security Bldg.	J. A. Hunter	Potatoes	Nov.15-Dec.28
Presque Isle, Maine Federal Building	S. W. Russell	Potatoes	Sept.10-May 10
Rochester, N. Y. 300 Terminal Bldg.	A. L. Thomas	Vegetables	Aug.27-May 10
Weslaco, Texas LW P. O. Bldg.	L. N. Gillespie	Citrus & Vegetables	Oct.18-May 31

FRUIT MARKETING DIVISION

DEHYDRATED CRANBERRIES

Amendment 15 to Supplementary Regulation 14C to the General Maximum Price Regulation, effective November 19, 1945, establishes processor's maximum prices for dehydrated cranberries of the 1945 and later crops based on an intended reflected return to growers of $16.02 per barrel. The ceiling on canned cranberries was made effective approximately a month later than on the fresh fruit and the ceiling on dehydrated approximately two months later than on the fresh.

The maximum price for a 1-lb. can of powdered cranberries is $2.43 per can compared to $3.16 last year and for 1-lb. cartons of whole and sliced cranberries is $25.92 per dozen cartons compared with $33.58 last year. The margin allowed for processing dehydrated cranberries is approximately the same as in 1944.

Shipments of fresh cranberries this season through November 17 have been 1077 carloads compared with a total for the 1944 season of 642 carloads. Fresh market operators complain that they are unable to supply the demand for fresh cranberries because buyers for processing plants are able to pay growers higher prices.

WAR FOOD ORDER 143

From the effective date of the order through November 17, purchases of fresh apples set aside under War Food Order 143 for use of the armed forces and other governmental agencies totalled 1180 carloads from the Wenatchee-Okanogan and Yakima-Hood River areas. There were issued up to and including November 17, 5587 permits releasing shipments of apples of the Winesap, Newtown, and Delicious varieties on which the requisite percentage had been set aside.

D. F. McMillen.